



## TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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### CHC Partnerships with History/Preservation Organizations

#### Partnerships that maximize human and fiscal resources

**Milam CHC** sponsored the Milam County Heritage Days in April 2016 with the Rockdale Friends of the Library, Rockdale Chamber of Commerce, Rockdale Downtown Association, and the Rockdale Historical Society. Heritage Days featured a talking history walk, demonstrations at the historic train depot, presentations by noted authors, and a bus tour entitled, “Riding the El Camino Real de los Tejas.” **Partners planned the event together, with each sponsor contributing funds and volunteers.** Sponsor volunteers, including the Milam CHC, filled in where help was needed. Attendees enjoyed one, two, or all three days of the indoor and outdoor events.

#### Partnerships that expand the CHC’s audience and promote CHC efforts.

In addition to hosting events, the **Cherokee CHC** provides support to partner events that include the annual Jacksonville Tomato Fest and the El Camino real De Los Tejas Festival. The CHC has also made a goal to be a more active partner to the THC’s Caddo Mounds State Historic Site. CHC members regularly attend the Friends of Caddo Mounds monthly planning meetings and participate in the Caddo Cultural Day. **CHC appointees are part of work teams who prepare for the event, installing history displays, etc.**

#### Partnerships that enable CHCs to participate in networking events and additional training

For 16 years, **CHCs from the Mountain-Pecos region have gathered annually to discuss ongoing projects, shared challenges, and area history.** This meeting is a networking and educational event that takes place in different locations throughout the region—recent meetings have been hosted in the following counties: Ward, Brewster, Presidio, and Terrell. CHCs volunteer to host for a specific year; however, other CHCs often help present and promote the meeting. Agendas include presentations on area history, preservation techniques, and rehabilitation projects, as well as, tours of local historical sites. While targeted to CHC appointees, participants also represent a number of regional organizations such as, the West Texas Historical Association, Edwards Plateau Historical Association, Texas Tech University, Sul Ross State University, and Museum of the Big Bend. This diversity of knowledge and open communication provides a rewarding experience that is educational and enjoyable.

## Partnerships that form alliances to face preservation challenges in your community

In 2016, during the debate over the development of the Fort Worth Stockyards, **Tarrant CHC members** attended the frequent task force meetings and interfaced with other historic preservation organizations after the National Trust for Historic Preservation declared that the Fort Worth Stockyards were among "America's 11 Most Endangered Historical Properties" in 2015. This experience, along with other recent city heritage and historic preservation decisions, has **energized the historical preservation community** in Tarrant County.

## Partnerships that reflect a positive preservation image to the community.

**Wheeler CHC** hosted a two day "Red River War Summit" event June 2016 at the Old Mobeetie Jail Museum grounds. It was a gathering to commemorate the history of the Texas Panhandle during the 1874-1875 Red River Campaign. The Summit was attended by over 100 people, and **set into motion a movement to get the Panhandle of Texas story told in museums and visitors sites in the area.** Partnering in this event was Panhandle Tourism and Marketing, Wheeler County Historical Commission, Old Mobeetie Jail Museum, Texas Plains Trail Region, Panhandle Plains Historical Museum, Wheeler Historical Museum, and the Washita Battlefield Site (National Park Service Cheyenne, OK).

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## CHC partnership recommendations on the Texas Historical Commission (THC) website

- Expanding CHC Partnerships  
[thc.texas.gov/expanding-chc-partnerships](http://thc.texas.gov/expanding-chc-partnerships)
- Constructive Partnerships with the THC  
[thc.texas.gov/what-it-means-have-constructive-partnership-texas-historical-commission](http://thc.texas.gov/what-it-means-have-constructive-partnership-texas-historical-commission)
- Why Partnerships with the THC are Important  
[thc.texas.gov/why-partnership-thc-important](http://thc.texas.gov/why-partnership-thc-important)
- Improving Communication with the THC  
[thc.texas.gov/improving-communication-thc](http://thc.texas.gov/improving-communication-thc)
- Building Partnerships with History-Related Organizations  
[thc.texas.gov/building-partnerships-history-related-organizations](http://thc.texas.gov/building-partnerships-history-related-organizations)
- Advantages of partnering with History-Related Organizations:  
[thc.texas.gov/advantages-partnering-history-related-organizations](http://thc.texas.gov/advantages-partnering-history-related-organizations)



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